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1. BOARD OF SAUDI AIRLINES LAST WEEK APPROVED PURCHASE OF
THREE NEW LOCKHEED TRISTAR 1011-200'S. CONTRACTS NOT YET
SIGNED BUT EXPECTED SHORTLY, SAUDIA HAS RELEASED DOWN PAYMENT.
TWO PLANES SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY IN JUNE 1979, THIRD IN
JULY 1979, BOARD DECISION TAKEN DAY AFTER LOCKHEED OFFER
EXPIRED SO PRICES STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. BUT WE UNDERSTAND
THEY WILL NOT BE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM OFFERS MADE LAST
DECEMBER (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS).

2. SAUDIA BOARD CONCURRENTLY APPROVED RETIREMENT OF AIRLINE'S
TWO OLDEST BOEING 707'S AND TWO 720'S RETIREMENTS MAY BEGIN
IN NOVEMBER BUT WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW ACQUISITION OF NEW TRISTARS.

3. SAUDIA'S NEW LONG-RANGE FLEET PLAN FOR 1980-85
PERIOD STILL UNDER PREPARATION. MANAGEMENT HOPES TO
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HAVE PACKAGE OF OPTIONS BEFORE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR JUNE 30.
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